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there has been good public discussion here on the floor, and there have been good conversations. I think this is a good result. We need to address this disparity, this gap between our county court judges and our other trial court judges. LB 839 addresses that in a way which has had leadership discussion, conversation, and to this point some general consensus. I appreciate Senator Beutler withdrawing his amendment. I would point out again that this is the beginning of what will be a long-term process through this session and in the reconciliation as it relates to money. I urge the advancement of the bill as it was unanimously brought to you by those present from your Judiciary Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The question before us is the advancement of LB 839 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 839.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 839 is advanced. LB 839A.

CLERK: (LB) 839A, by Senator Brashear. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Chair recognizes Senator Brashear to open on 839A.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, there is nothing new to add. This is the appropriation bill for 839. I urge its advancement as a part of the process. I thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members. And I, too, as part of the process want you to recognize the A bill, that this is representing the cost of what was just passed. And it does carry on to the future, which is not in your A bill. But I just, once again, want the body to recognize where some of the money that is going to be spent, where it's going to be spent. And, with that, I will quit. Thank you.